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- 1. SWISS REP BEECHCRAFT ROBERT GERBER WHO COVERS MIDDLE EAST HAS ASKED WHETHER USG HAS ANY OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO SALES COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT TO IRAQ. WE UNDERTOOK INQUIRE, RELAY RESPONSE.
- 2. IN COURSE CONVERSATION GERBER SAID HE HAD CHECKED WITH IRANIANS. CONTRARY TO EARLIER RESPONSE THAT HE COULD FORGET ABOUT ANY SALES TO IRAN IF BEECHCRAFT SOLD TO IRAQ, IRAN NO LONGER OBJECTS.
- 3. GERBER WILL ALSO CHECK WITH SAUDIS BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER, SINCE BEECHCRAFT HAS BEEN SELLING WELL IN SAUDI ARABIA.

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